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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WIETZKE ET AL.

Examiner

Elizabeth A McChesney

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 3.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement filed 03/18/1999 fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because fail to provide translations. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered as to the merits. Applicant is advised that the date of any re-submission of any item of information contained in this information disclosure statement or the submission of any missing element(s) will be the date of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements based on the time of filing the statement, including all certification requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609 ¶ C(1).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. **Claims 11-12 and 21-22** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sklorz (DE03812120).

Regarding claims 11-12 and 21-22, Sklorz discloses a traffic-radio-capable receiving set in which the automobile driver can receive messages which are digitized

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and stored in the chip to be called up at any time through the user's touch of a button (abstract) and which reads on the claimed invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(e) the invention was described in-

(1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or

(2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).

5. **Claims 11, 13-15, 17-19, 21, 23-30** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Eisele et al. (US Patent No. 6,315,207).

Regarding **claim 11**, Eisele et al. (hereinafter, "Eisele") discloses a pocket interface unit (PIU) in conjunction with a smart diskette, or also known as a chip card, which incorporates electrical contacts and, or a read/write unit (col. 5-lines 57-58). Eisele further discloses the PIU is equipped with a microphone which could be used as a dictation device where spoken work is digitized and stored in the card chip. The PIU with card chip could be programmed to respond to simple voice commands as "save" and "run" which reads on outputting the stored message upon request in user-initiated response (col. 13-lines 24-35).

Regarding **claim 13**, Eisele further discloses outputting spoken text through the loudspeaker (col. 13-lines 42-47).

Regarding **claim 14**, Eisele further discloses a display wherein it inherent to output via the display (col. 13-lines 42-47).

Regarding **claim 15**, Eisele further discloses outputting spoken text through the loudspeaker (col. 13-lines 42-47), which is inherent that the message is being played back via the electrical device.

Regarding **claim 16**, Eisele further discloses the data on the smart diskette can be transferred later to a portable or desk-top PC, which reads on playing back the message via a second device.

Regarding **claim 17**, see Examiner's comments regarding claim 14.

Regarding **claim 18**, see Examiner's comments regarding claim 13.

Regarding **claim 19**, it is inherent that the length of the message is dependent on the capacity of the chip card.

Regarding **claim 21**, Eisele discloses a pocket interface unit (PIU) in conjunction with a smart diskette, or also known as a chip card, which incorporates electrical contacts and, or a read/write unit (col. 5-lines 57-58). Eisele further discloses the PIU is equipped with a microphone (input device) which could be used as a dictation device where spoken work is digitized (which inherently teaches a voice module) and stored in the card chip. The smart diskette includes a microprocessor for performing such tasks as memory (col. 2-lines 1-8). The PIU with card chip could be programmed to respond to simple voice commands as "save" and "run" which reads on outputting the stored message upon request in user-initiated response (col. 13-lines 24-35).

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Regarding **claim 23**, Eisele discloses a microphone as an input device (col. 13-lines 24-27).

Regarding **claim 24**, Elisele further discloses outputting spoken text through the loudspeaker (col. 13-lines 42-47) of the PIU which reads on the reads on the record/read unit (col. 5-lines 57-58).

Regarding **claim 25**, Elisele further discloses the PIU is equipped with a display wherein it inherent to output via the display (col. 13-lines 42-47).

Regarding **claim 26**, Elisele further discloses multiple input devices, for example microphone, keyboard, and Braille keyboard (col. 13-lines 24, 42 and 51).

Regarding **claim 27**, see Examiner's comments regarding claim 26.

Regarding **claim 28**, see Examiner's comments regarding claim 21.

Regarding **claim 29**, Elisele further discloses multiple input devices, for example microphone, keyboard, and Braille keyboard (col. 13-lines 24, 42 and 51).

Regarding **claim 30**, see Examiner's comments regarding claim 29.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. **Claim 20** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eisele et al. (US Patent No. 6,315,207).

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Regarding **claim 20**, Elisele further discloses the PIU is equipped with a display wherein it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to display the remaining memory space (col. 13-lines 42-47).

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elizabeth A. McChesney whose telephone number is (703) 308-4563. The examiner can normally be reached Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Forester W. Isen can be reached on (703) 305-4386.

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(703) 872-9314 (for Technology Center 2600 only)

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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